

October 17, 2012

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 15, 2012, Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, and I spoke via telephone regarding the above-captioned proceeding. Additionally, on October 16, Charles McKee and Chris Frentrup of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”), and I had a meeting with Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, regarding the same topic. Specifically, we noted the importance of issuing the data request as quickly as possible, including a *de minimis* exemption for companies that lease a small number of circuits, distinguishing between owned-and-operated and resold circuits, ensuring that the data request requires ILECs to disclose the locations of all relevant facilities that they serve and the companies from which they lease special access circuits, and obtaining data from ILECs on the cost of providing special access services. Sprint also noted that high-level CLEC marketing maps or similar materials are unreliable and inappropriate subjects of the data request, and that Sprint does not regularly maintain data on which companies responded to RFPs but were not selected as vendors.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Margie

Paul Margie
Counsel to Sprint Nextel Corporation

cc: Meeting participants